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## EDITORIAL.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are pained to learn, through  
Pastor Miller, of Grenada, that Bro.  
John Powell is quite ill at his home.  
May the Lord be very gracious to  
his servant and speedily restore him  
to health.

We don't usually do much busi-  
ness in the way of calling in ques-  
tion the quality of the religion of  
our brethren until our own is get-  
ting pretty thin and weak. Much  
grace makes the true Christian much  
forbearing.

An exchange says: "Johnson is  
very ambitious. He is always figur-  
ing to do something great in the fu-  
ture." That is characteristic of  
more people than "Johnson" and  
they have little time left for work  
in the present.

We commend the method of Ne-  
hemiah to preachers, some of those  
who essay to preach now-a-days. It  
is said that they read in the book  
in the law of God distinctly, and gave  
the sense, and caused the people to  
understand the reading.

If you have an enemy that you  
want to kill, try at least  
five attacks upon him of  
real genuine kindness. You  
will find it is enough better than  
backshot; it will never fail to bring  
him down.

Many will grieve with us to learn  
of the serious illness of Bro. Wm.  
Stratburg. He has been very low  
with malaria fever and is now in a  
paralytic condition with muscular  
rheumatism. Will not God's people  
pray for his speedy recovery?

Bro. J. J. Moore writes good news  
from Richmond, Lee county. He  
is a young preacher, but feels very  
much encouraged in his work. Has  
recently baptized 17 into the fold.  
He is a churchman and hopes to  
make this a year full of work for the  
Master.

"She was a wise woman, she was  
an affectionate wife and a devoted  
and loving mother." Thus a  
thoughtful pastor writes about one  
of his most useful members, whom  
he buried not long ago. Thank God  
for such women. They are the  
home of society, the energy of the  
church and the foundation of the  
nation.

Don't, we beg of you, tell us that  
God is not a perfect, absolute and  
eternal sovereign. If He was be-  
fore all things, if He made all things  
and if He controls all things, then  
how can He be otherwise than al-  
wise and all-powerful? Less than this  
would not be God. No, a sovereign  
without limitations is our God.

No one must think because we  
print Bro. L. C. Hicks' piece in  
this issue of the paper on Adam's  
sin that we do not of that sort of doc-  
trine. We do it for two reasons:  
1. That he may have an opportunity  
to express his convictions, and 2.  
That somebody might have a chance  
to set him right. Now brother  
here is your chance.

Many one is interested to know  
what little Miss Ruth Cleveland is  
doing to bear her part in the per-  
formances now going on in the pre-  
sidential mansion in Washington. Just  
let him bear in mind that the much  
talked of small lady is now a few  
days over one year and five months  
old. Any one who knows much  
about such wee tots can easily im-  
agine about what sort of pranks she  
is up to.

This great nation and our South-  
ern people especially are expecting  
good things, great and large, to come  
out of the next four years of the ad-  
ministration of Mr. Cleveland and  
the rule of the Democratic party.  
But along with those great and good  
things may come some others of a  
different character. We allude to  
the increased power the Roman  
Catholic church may be permitted  
to gather up for the future suppres-  
sion of our civil and religious lib-  
erties and for its own establishment  
as the supreme power. Our business  
is to "watch and pray" and work.

We are pained to learn of the  
death of Sister Taylor, wife of Bro.  
J. H. Taylor, of Kossuth, Miss. The  
sad event occurred on the 3rd of the  
present month at their home in Kos-  
suth. Bro Taylor and his dear chil-  
dren have his sincerest sympathies  
and prayers in his great bereave-  
ment. May they all find comfort  
within the "sheltering arms."

If the Catholics succeed in get-  
ting their children into the public  
schools in this country the next  
thing they will attempt will be to  
get the schools into the hands of  
their teachers. Here is something  
for our people to think and pray  
about. It will require divine wis-  
dom to get us through the breakers  
that are ahead of us.

It is well nigh a universal rule  
that Sabbath keepers whether they  
be pious or not have better health,  
live longer and have more constant  
material prosperity than those who  
make it a work-day along with the  
other six. It must be a fact that  
God's providence as well as His  
grace backs up the keeping of His  
Sabbath and that it was given for  
economical and salutary purposes as  
well as those of religion.

It is a fact as is publicly and  
widely stated that Russia uses up  
20,000,000 bushels of grain in mak-  
ing intoxicating liquors annually.  
We have reached the end of the mar-  
velous as to the cause of the destruc-  
tive famine in that country. But  
more, while the famine is layed to  
this consumption of grain for liquor  
the cholera is put down to the  
charge of the famine. So that liquor  
is the sole cause of all this stir  
about both the famine and cholera.

It is quite probable if the German  
free trade legislators succeed in  
defeating or seriously curtailing the  
army bill now before the German  
Congress, and thus relieve the Ger-  
man people of other European coun-  
tries will take their cue from them  
and inaugurate a like opposition  
with the good effect of reducing the  
great armies to a mere minimum  
and thus contribute to the general  
peace.

Bro. Sam Hayden, of the Texas  
Baptist and Herald is a man who  
seems to have "the courage of his  
convictions"—we believe that  
is what you call it when a  
fellow says what he thinks  
without apologizing for it—at  
any rate, he allows the peo-  
ple to speak out in praise about  
the paper in its columns without the  
stereotype saying of "though con-  
trary to our rule," etc., or "we beg  
pardon for inserting it," etc. None  
is a good thing to have in the back.

The growth of wealth and or-  
relation, true religion, are not sim-  
ultaneous. Wealth and worldlyness  
almost invariably go together and  
worldliness is one of the religion's  
most deadly foes. It greatly neu-  
tralizes piety in the churches and  
fatally hinders sinners in "fleeing  
from the wrath to come." Our peo-  
ple ought not to lose sight of this  
fact in their rush for wealth in these  
days of quick-made fortunes.

We are glad to learn from a pri-  
vate note that Bro. A. P. Copeland  
is well and happily settled in his  
work in the Columbus Association.  
His home is at Crawford and his  
work in the near regions round  
about. The only people that equals  
those he left in the Coldwater Asso-  
ciation in kindness to their preach-  
ers are those among whom he now  
lives and labors. His greatest re-  
joice is that they do not all take THE  
RECORD. If he could induce them  
all to take and read it we would  
all be happy.

It is said that the Princess of  
Wales never having seen Rome will  
visit that city during the present  
yachting tour she is now enjoying  
with the Prince on the Mediter-  
ranean. It is to be hoped that she is too  
sensible a woman to kiss the Pope's  
foot, for if not then almost half  
of the upper crust womanhood of the  
empire and some from over this  
way will rush over and do likewise.

An appreciated call from State  
Evangelist, Bro. G. W. Knight, has  
just brought smiles and good cheer  
to our office and home. We were  
glad to see him so nearly re-  
covered from his recent serious ill-  
ness. He made our Fifteenth Ave-  
nue people glad by his presence  
and encouraging words at the  
prayermeeting on Wednesday night.  
He left us for Columbia, Miss.,  
where he was to aid Bro. Rogers in  
a special meeting. His postoffice  
address is Waynesboro, Miss. He  
is fully equipped for his work.

"The Unitarians, it is said, want  
Ingersoll, the infidel." Well, let  
them take him. It would be a cap-  
to fit. He believes that man is the  
only divinity, while they believe the  
Bible and Christ are al-  
together and only human. How  
true it is that "the heart is de-  
ceitful above all things and desper-  
ately wicked." How else could we  
account for such intellectual and  
moral rot?

## THE LAST QUARTER.

The last quarter of our Con-  
ventional work is now upon us—indeed,  
is already half gone, and only six  
weeks remain to gather in the  
much needed funds for our foreign  
mission work. The Board has  
planned well and the missions les-  
sons have wrought well, and much good  
work has been done among the  
heathen. But have our churches  
and people who have authorized this  
work, met their responsibilities in  
the matter? Brethren, cast about  
you and see; look over the amounts  
reported and ascertain what has  
been done, and decide quickly what  
ought to be done. Everything is  
ahead in the way of mission work,  
and only the contributions are  
behind. But there is time enough  
for recovery, only let all of our people  
determine that we will do it, and it  
shall be done. Let those churches  
who have financial committees,  
push them up to make at once a  
thorough and exhaustive canvass  
of the entire church and community  
and gather in the gifts of the peo-  
ple for this last quarter. Then let  
those churches who have no such  
committees, proceed at once to take  
up a collection for foreign missions.

Let the call be urgent and the plea a  
strong one, and let every one make  
a liberal contribution to this great  
cause of all causes, that of giving  
the gospel to the poor and benighted  
heathen. Brethren, much of the  
prosperity of our churches and of  
our own souls, depends upon the  
part we take in this great co-opera-  
tive work with our Master. The  
law of Christian progress is not, give  
as you grow, but rather grow as  
you give. Strange as it may seem,  
growing does not promote giving,  
but giving promotes growth, for  
"the Lord loves a cheerful giver,"  
and "the liberal soul shall be made  
fat." Come now, beloved, one and  
all, let us take out of our necessities,  
even our living, and put it into  
God's treasury even now, to-day.  
Let there be no delay; and let the  
money go at once to the Board at  
Richmond, that there may be meat  
for strength in God's house for his  
toll-worn servants, the self-sacri-  
ficing missionaries. Let us do this  
in Christ's name, and he will own  
and bless.

The following extract is from the  
Valley Record, of Gloster, Miss.,  
and speaks well for our Bro. Mar-  
tin, who is just now doing a good  
evangelistic work in Southwest Mis-  
sissippi. May the Lord help him to  
lead his people to a great victory.

"The services at the Baptist  
church continue. The sermons  
preached by Rev. M. T. Martin are  
very interesting and draw large  
congregations. At first the ideas  
advanced by him as to the plan of  
salvation were so different from  
what others had taught that it was  
hard to understand, though most of  
the congregation now profess to un-  
derstand. He certainly sustains  
every assertion by scripture, and  
those that could not or did not  
agree with him are forced to see it  
as he puts it."

The friends of Rev. Chas. G. El-  
liott, now of Covington, Tenn., will  
regret to learn that he was confined  
to his room by a lame foot nearly all  
of February.

We learn that Bro. W. D. Powell,  
of Mexico, is to be in New Orleans  
on April 10, and will (D. V.) deliver  
a centennial address at Valence  
Street Baptist church at 7.30 p. m.  
Brethren from Mississippi who may  
be in New Orleans at that time,  
will no doubt gladly hear Bro. Pow-  
ell's address. It is also intimated  
that a series of meetings is in con-  
templation at the same church in the  
early future. Pastor D. I. Purser  
is to be aided by his brother,  
Dr. John F. Purser, pastor of the  
First church. Many will remember  
the good meetings these men of God  
have conducted in Mississippi, and  
we hope they will pray for a great  
revival and ingathering.

Rev. J. F. Bynum having accept-  
ed work near Cross Keys, Jackson  
county, was there making arrange-  
ments for removal when the cyclone  
visited his family at Tooms-  
suba. He is now in Meridian, where  
his family will be located tem-  
porarily.

The Broadus Literary Society of  
the S. B. T. Seminary, has our sin-  
cere thanks for an invitation to at-  
tend their annual debate in the pa-  
lors of the Broadway Baptist church,  
Louisville, Ky., on the evening of  
the 14th instant. Subject of debate:  
"Should the Classics cease to be a  
requirement in American institu-  
tions of learning and a more exten-  
sive course in the Natural Sciences  
be substituted?" Not being the  
upire we will hazard our opinion  
on the merits of the question in fa-  
vor of the negative, on the ground  
that there is no safety in erecting  
great and towering buildings on  
narrow and shallow foundations.

## OUR OBSERVATORY.

Rev. P. I. Lipsey has accepted  
the call of the church in Murfrees-  
boro, Tenn., and so will leave Mis-  
sissippi. We are loth to give up  
Bro. Lipsey and the other good  
brethren who are leaving us. May  
the Lord prosper him in his new  
field of labor.—"We send away  
too much money to foreign fields."  
We not unfrequently hear this state-  
ment. Well, what are the facts?  
For every dollar given in the United  
States for religious purposes, four  
cents go to the foreign field, and 96  
are used at home. We cannot do  
much less than this. When you  
crush out the foreign mission spirit,  
you degenerate the home mission.

Central Baptist church has  
a frequent remark that one half  
dozen church members present were  
the most dancers on the floor." We  
take the above from an account  
given a secular paper of a recent  
dance. We presume that the writer  
was not a church member. Any one  
can see that he makes a fling at  
those professing Christians, and it  
is clear that he had no confidence in  
them. We have yet to find the man  
of the world who has any respect  
for the professed piety of dancing  
church members.—All Christian  
people will certainly rejoice that  
Grover Cleveland entered a strong  
protest against the proposed de-  
secration of the Lord's Day by giving  
a concert in the Pension Building at  
Washington on the 5th inst.—The  
brother who becomes insulted be-  
cause the editor dares to have op-  
inions of his own, and orders his  
paper discontinued, injures himself  
more than any one else.—A good  
many of the preachers of New York,  
Dr. Judson among them, have  
taken to using bicycles.—Western  
Recorder. From the sight of old  
men on bicycles and old women  
trying to dance—deliver us.—Bil-  
liard Recorder.—The preacher who  
is a weather vane will never con-  
vert the world. The gospel de-  
mands men who shall breast the  
storm and stand firm amid the op-  
position of the enemy. The timid  
man in the end gets into more  
trouble than the one who boldly,  
yet lovingly, declares the whole  
truth.—Central Baptist.—The pa-  
pers inform us that forty-seven  
have recently united with the Baptist  
church in Columbus as the re-  
sult of a meeting held in that city  
by Mr. Culpepper, a Methodist  
evangelist.—What the churches  
do for home and foreign mis-  
sions must be done quickly; for in  
less than two months the Convention  
meets in Nashville. Let pastors  
and churches everywhere take up  
collections at once, and forward  
them to the Boards at Richmond  
and Atlanta.—We should thank  
God for the prayers that he does  
not answer, as well as for those  
which he answers. If he had an-  
swered all our prayers, possibly we  
should be in a deplorable condition.

—Dr. Broadus is announced to  
preach the sermon at the next com-  
mencement of Carson College, Ten-  
nessee. That means that all who  
are permitted to attend will have a  
rare treat. We may not be a judge  
of good preaching, but for us Dr.  
Broadus stands first.—The Cen-  
tennial Committee is to have a  
meeting at Richmond on the 20th  
inst.—We are indebted to Dr.  
Hatcher, of Atlanta, for samples of  
the Inductively Quarterlies for the  
teachers in our Sunday School. This  
is a new feature which the Society  
has added to its Sunday School Pub-  
lications, and one which, it strikes  
us, will prove quite helpful.

Twelve Negro editors of Georgia  
have come out in favor of giving up  
the word "colored" as applied to  
their race, and substituting the  
word negro instead, using a capital  
N." This is sensible. The term  
"colored" applies as well to Indians,  
Chinese and others as Negroes;  
while the name Negro (spelt always  
with a capital) is at once descriptive  
and dignified. We hope the request  
of these Negro editors will be heed-  
ed.—Western Recorder.—It is  
said that Rev. Carter Helm Jones,  
of Knoxville, Tenn., has been called  
to the McFerran Memorial church,  
Louisville, Ky., and that he has ac-  
cepted the call.—A man's great-  
ness can always be estimated by his  
reverence of his mother. Tennyson  
said of his: "I hope you will not  
think I speak in exaggerated terms  
of my beloved mother, but indeed  
she was the beautifullest thing that  
God Almighty ever did make."—  
Western Recorder.—Rev. S. Y.  
Jameson's church, of Atlanta, Ga.,  
has recently advanced his salary  
from \$1,500 to \$1,800. We congrat-  
ulate Bro. Jameson and his church,  
and especially at this time does this  
move forward speak well for him  
and the church, as many churches,  
on account of the pressure of the  
times, have been forced to go the  
other way.—Dr. Lofton has this to  
say in the Baptist and Reflector:  
"The biggest job a man ever had on  
hand is to attend to his own busi-  
ness and sweep before his own door."

The many friends of Miss Annie  
Martin will be glad to know that  
she is again in her native State.  
The clipping here given from the  
Hosier paper tells us that she has  
joined her father, Rev. M. T. Mar-  
sh, in his evangelistic work, and is  
doing most excellent service in di-  
recting the music in the services.  
Miss Annie Martin, daughter of  
Rev. M. T. Martin, is accompanying  
her father here, and is assisting the  
choir as organist. She plays well  
and sings beautifully, and many are  
attracted by her singing.—Valley  
Recorder.

Brethren don't, we beg of you, for-  
get the cyclone sufferers. Remem-  
ber especially our Brethren J. E.  
Cannon and J. F. Bynum, both ex-  
cellent, faithful and useful minis-  
ters of the gospel. All of their  
household effects were blown away  
and they are in absolute want for  
the commonest necessities of life.  
Make haste and send what you can.  
They need everything that is used  
in a home, besides money to pro-  
cure furniture, clothing and food.

In the name of these two excel-  
lent brethren, we thank those who  
are already sent them help but  
assure you that it is only the begin-  
ning of what is needed to set them  
again on their feet, so that they can  
again about their Master's busi-  
ness.

Every one who reads this will  
be glad to know that once there will  
soon be no more of these  
homes made so empty of all crea-  
ture comforts by the raging whirl-  
wind. Brethren help and God will  
make it a help to you.

The earnest words of our new  
Convention Board Secretary have  
the right ring. He is proposing to  
put all of his strength in the work  
and surely our pastors and churches  
will not do less. Brethren, Brother  
Rowe has a hard task but a great  
work before him and needs all the  
sympathy and help you can give him.  
If every one of us will real-  
ize this and put all of our strength  
in the work of aiding him all will be  
well. The time is short and the  
work great but God's promise is "as  
thy days so shall thy strength be."

The great country of China is evi-  
dently on the way to the front.  
The richest man in the world is Han  
Quay, a Chinaman, who is said to  
be worth over two billions of dol-  
lars. And Gov. Norther, of Geor-  
gia, who has recently been to Cuba,  
says the most intelligent man he  
met there was a Chinaman named  
Tom, the Chinese consul at Havana.  
But wealth and intelligence without  
true religion is of little worth.

We observe that at the World's  
Congress Auxiliary to the Colum-  
bian Exposition that the somewhat  
notorious Tourgee is to speak on the  
history of "the negro in North  
America—his bondage, his freedom  
and his future." That would be a  
really interesting subject if it could  
be discussed by any one who really  
knew anything about it, and would  
fill it just as it is. Tourgee is one  
of the friends the black man  
needs to pray to be delivered from.

## NOTES FROM SPARTA.

We are glad to believe that we are  
getting on higher ground at old  
Amity. Four received at our last  
meeting; three by letter, and one, an  
aged Presbyterian, by experience.  
God speed the day when the bap-  
tistical waters shall be troubled at  
other times of the year than July and  
August. Our pastor, Brother Charles  
Lovejoy, has moved among us, and  
we now enjoy having a pastor as  
well as a preacher. Brother Love-  
joy is a man with a family; but some  
of the officious ones in the neigh-  
borhood are beginning to whisper it  
around that he is in love again; in  
love with his people, in love with his  
work.

and the man who has not business  
enough in this line to keep him en-  
gaged all the time, occupies the most  
dangerous relationship to the devil,  
which can be imagined.—Dr.  
Yates thus admonishes his Meth-  
odist brethren: "A want of the  
Bible in the Sunday Schools and the  
absence of children from the preach-  
ing of the gospel is putting into the  
church a nondescript Christian  
class whose religion is without any  
fixed belief, and whose life is a  
jumble of Christianity."—Western  
Recorder. No doubt about it, there  
are two great evils. By all means  
let parents give attention to this  
evil, and have their children at  
church, and use their Bibles  
at home and in the Sunday  
School.

These things are called to mind  
by the receipt of a Manual of the  
Wall Street Baptist church of  
Natchez. The Chronicle was there  
at a council in 1850, to aid in recon-  
ciling two interests. Elder T. G.  
Freeman was then pastor, and Dea-  
con B. Pendleton, and Brethren  
Lyons, Polkenbom and other active  
members. Elder W. H. Anderson  
was at the home of brother-in-law,  
Mrs. Bondurant, about two miles  
out. About six miles eastward there  
was a nice little church at Wash-  
ington—once a noted place; being  
the Capital of the State. Northward  
was what remained of old Salem  
church, and there across Cole's  
Creek, by Bro. Silas H. Coleman's  
and Sister McGill's, Bro. Griffing's  
and Coleman's you could reach old  
Fellowship church.

Of all the ministers who labored  
in that field in those days, Bro. E.  
C. Eager, now of Georgia, alone re-  
mains, it seems, unless Bro. D. S.  
Snodgrass, of Texas, and Bro. W.  
B. Wells, who began his work about  
that time reckoned as others. And  
then, besides Sister McGill and Bro.  
Bro. W. B. Wells, the Chronicle is  
not aware of any other old friends  
who still live in that region. Among  
the old pastors were D. B. Crawford,  
S. W. Sexton, Benj. Whitfield, L.  
B. Holloway, S. Caldwell, R. War-  
ner, J. B. Stittler, J. M. Knight, D.  
E. Burns, B. B. Gibbs, C. S. Mc-  
Cloud and some others who have  
passed to their reward. This list  
does not extend above Jackson, else  
it would include D. I. Dupree, J. K.  
Clifton, H. D. Hayward, J. G. Hall,  
S. S. Parr, Wm. Munter and many  
North of Natchez. Reference  
is made, chiefly to Central Missis-  
sippi.

The leading laymen of forty years  
ago are nearly all seemingly forgot-  
ten. There was Dr. W. L. Balfour,  
Jordan Denson, Nathan L. Ta-  
bor, N. S. White, Dr. Geo. Stokes,  
Dr. M. W. Phillips, David Slay, Jno.  
Slater, Dickerson Watts, B. T. Ed-  
wards, Levi Stephens, D. S. Sexton,  
W. H. Sparks and J. C. Clappell,  
who were well known by the Chroni-  
cle. Their descendants were scat-  
tered by the Confederate war, and  
some of them do not bear the Baptist  
name. Young people who aspire to  
wealth, society and fashion unless  
strongly grounded in the faith, are  
apt to wander away from the sim-  
plicity of the Baptists into what  
they term more liberal churches.  
Dancing, card-playing, theater-go-  
ings and such other worldly allure-  
ments draw them to formality and  
service by proxy.

It is a mystery to some of us how  
Bro. Womack arrives at the conclu-  
sion that the question of college re-  
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day morning. Bro. Geo. R. Cairnes  
is at his best, and has been doing  
some very fine gospel preaching.  
We hear it said on all hands that he  
seems to be improving on the splen-  
did preaching he did here two years  
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never seen people seem more atten-  
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that the great congregation remains  
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hours and more to wait upon the  
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uplifting. Will not God's people  
everywhere pray for the success of  
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## EDITORIAL.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are pained to learn, through Pastor Miller, of Grenada, that Bro. John Powell is quite ill at his home. May the Lord be very gracious to his servant and speedily restore him to health.

We don't usually do much business in the way of calling in question the quality of the religion of our brethren until our own is getting pretty thin and weak. Much grace makes the true Christian much forbearing.

An exchange says: "Johnson is very ambitious. He is always figuring out to do something great in the future." That is characteristic of more people than "Johnson" and they do so much in the future that they have little time left for work in the present.

We commend the method of Nehemiah to preachers, some of those who essay to preach how-a-days. It is said that they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused the people to understand the reading.

If you have an enemy that you want to kill, try at least five attacks upon him of real genuine kindness. You will find it is enough better than buckshot; it will never fail to bring him down.

Many will grieve with us to learn of the serious illness of Bro. Wm. Stranburg. He has been very low with malaria fever and is now in a paralytic condition with muscular rheumatism. Will not God's people pray for his speedy recovery.

Bro. J. J. Moore writes good news from Richmond, Lee county. He is a young preacher, but feels very much encouraged in his work. Has recently baptized 17 into the fellowship of his churches and hopes to make this a year full of work for the Master.

"She was a wise woman, she was an affectionate wife and a devoted and loving mother." Thus a thoughtful pastor writes about one of his most useful members who he buried not long ago. Thank God for such women. They are the hope of society, the energy of the church and the foundation of the nation.

Don't, we beg of you, tell us that God is not a perfect, absolute and eternal sovereign. If he was before all things, if he made all things and if he controls all things, then how can he be neither wise nor almighty and all-powerful? Less than this would not be God. No, a sovereign without limitations is our God.

No one must think because we print Bro. L. C. Hicks' piece in this issue of the paper on Adam's sin that we do so that sort of doctrine. We do it for two reasons: 1. That he may have an opportunity to express his convictions and 2. That somebody might have a chance to set him right. Now brother here is your chance.

If any one is interested to know what little Miss Ruth Cleveland is doing to bear her part in the performances now going on in the presidential mansion in Washington, let him bear in mind that the much talked of small lady is now a few days over one year and five months old. Any one who knows much about such wee tots can easily imagine about what sort of pranks she is up to.

This great nation and our Southern people especially are expecting good things great and large, to come out of the next four years of the administration of Mr. Cleveland and the rule of the Democratic party. But along with those great and good things may come some others of a different character. We allude to the increased power the Roman Catholic church may be permitted to gather up for the future suppression of our civil and religious liberties and for its own establishment as the supreme power. Our business is to "watch and pray" and work.

## THE LAST QUARTER.

The last quarter of our Convention is now upon us—indeed, it is already half gone, and only six weeks remain to gather in the much needed funds for our foreign mission work. The Board has planned well and the missions have wrought well, and much good work has been done among the heathen. But have our churches and people who have authorized this work, met their responsibilities in the matter? Brethren, cast about you and see; look over the amounts reported and ascertain what has been done, and decide quickly what ought to be done. Everything is ahead in the way of mission work, and only the contributions are behind. But there is time enough for recovery, only let all of our people determine that we will do it, and it shall be done. Let those churches who have financial committees, push them up to make at once a thorough and exhaustive canvass of the entire church and community and gather in the gifts of the people for this last quarter. Then let those churches who have no such committees, proceed at once to take up a collection for foreign missions. Let the call be urgent and the plea a strong one, and let every one make a liberal contribution to this great effort of all causes, that of giving the gospel to the poor and benighted heathen. Brethren, much of the prosperity of our churches and of our own souls, depends upon the part we take in this great co-operative work with our Master. The law of Christian progress is not, give as you grow, but rather grow as you give. Strange as it may seem, growing does not promote giving, but giving promotes growth, for "the Lord loves a cheerful giver," and "the liberal soul shall be made fat." Come now, beloved, one and all, let us take out of our necessities, even our living, and put it into God's treasury even now, to-day. Let there be no delay, and let the money go at once to the Board at Richmond, that there may be meat for strength in God's house for his toll-men servants, the self-sacrificing missionaries. Let us do this in Christ's name, and he will own and bless.

It is quite probable if the German free lance Legislators succeed in defeating or seriously curtailing the army bill now before the German Congress, and thus relieve the military strain upon the country, the people of other European countries will take their cue from them and inaugurate a like opposition with the good effect of reducing the great armaments to a mere minimum and thus contribute to the general peace.

Bro. Sam Hayden, of the Texas Baptist and Herald, is a man who seems to have "the courage of his convictions"—we believe that is what you call it when a fellow says what he thinks without apologizing for it—at any rate, he allows the people to speak out in praise about the paper in its columns without the stereotype saying of "though contrary to our rule," etc., or "we beg pardon for inserting it," etc. Once is a good thing to have in the back.

The growth of wealth and of religion, TRUE religion, are not simultaneous. Wealth and worldliness almost invariably go together and worldliness is one of the religion's most deadly foes. It greatly neutralizes piety in the churches and fatally hinders sinners in "fleeing from the wrath to come." Our people ought not to lose sight of this fact in their rush for wealth in these days of quick-made fortunes.

We are glad to learn from a private note that Bro. A. P. Copeland is well and happily settled in his work in the Columbus Association. His home is at Crawford and his work in the near regions round about. The only people that equal those he left in the Coldwater Association in kindness to their preachers are those among whom he now lives and labors. His greatest regret is that they do not all take THE RECORD. If he could induce them all to take and read it we would all be happy.

It is said that the Princess of Wales never having seen Rome will visit that city during the present yachting tour she is now enjoying with the Prince on the Mediterranean. It is to be hoped that she is too sensible a woman to kiss the Pope's foot, for if not then almost half of the upper crust womanhood of the empire and some from over this way will rush over and do likewise.

An appreciated call from State Evangelist, Bro. G. W. Knight, has just brought smiles and good cheer to our office and home. We were glad to see him so nearly recovered from his recent serious illness. He made our Fifteenth Avenue people glad by his presence and encouraging words at the prayer-meeting on Wednesday night. He left us for Columbia, Miss., where he was to aid Bro. Rogers in a special meeting. His postoffice address is Waynesboro, Miss. He is fully equipped for his work.

"The Unitarians, it is said, want Ingalls, the infidel." Well, let them take him. It would be a capital fit. He believes that man is the only divinity, while they believe the Bible and Christ are altogether and only human. How true it is that "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." How else could we account for such intellectual and moral rot?

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## OUR OBSERVATORY.

Rev. P. I. Lipsey has accepted the call of the church in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and so will leave Mississippi. We are loth to give up Bro. Lipsey and the other good brethren who are leaving us. May the Lord prosper him in his new field of labor. "We send away too much money to foreign fields." We not unfrequently hear this statement. Well, what are the facts? For every dollar given in the United States for religious purposes, four cents go to the foreign field, and 96 are used at home. We cannot do much less than this. When you crush out the foreign mission spirit, you crush out the Christian spirit.

Central Baptist church has a frequent "Bible" service. The church members present were the best dancers on the floor. We take the above from an account given a secular paper of a recent dance. We presume that the writer was not a church member. Any one can see that he makes a fling at those professing Christians, and it is clear that he had no confidence in them. We have yet to find the man of the world who has any respect for the professed piety of dancing church members. All Christian people will certainly rejoice that Grover Cleveland entered a strong protest against the proposed desecration of the Lord's Day by giving a concert in the Pension Building at Washington on the 5th inst. The brother who becomes insulted because the editor dares to have opinions of his own, and orders his paper discontinued, injures himself more than any one else. A good many of the preachers of New York, Dr. Judson among them, have taken to using bicycles. Western Recorder. From the sight of old men on bicycles and old women trying to dance—deliver us—Biblical Recorder. The preacher who is a weather vane will never convert the world. The gospel demands men who shall break the storm and stand firm amid the opposition of the enemy. The timid man in the end gets into more trouble than the one who boldly, yet lovingly, declares the whole truth.—Central Baptist.

The following extract is from the Valley Record, of Gloster, Miss., and speaks well for our Bro. Martin, who is just now doing a good evangelistic work in Southwest Mississippi. May the Lord help him to lead his people to a great victory.

"The services at the Baptist church continue. The sermons preached by Rev. M. T. Martin are very interesting and draw large congregations. At first the ideas advanced by him as to the plan of salvation were so different from what others had taught that it was hard to understand, though most of the congregation now profess to understand. He certainly sustains every assertion by scripture, and those that could not or did not agree with him are forced to see it as he puts it."

The friends of Rev. Chas. G. Elliott, now of Covington, Tenn., will regret to learn that he was confined to his room by a lame foot nearly all of February.

We learn that Bro. W. D. Powell, of Mexico, is to be in New Orleans on April 10, and will (D. V.) deliver a centennial address at Valence Street Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. Brethren from Mississippi may be in New Orleans at that time, will no doubt gladly hear Bro. Powell's address. It is also intimated that a series of meetings is in contemplation at the same church in the early future. Pastor D. I. Purser is to be aided by his brother, Dr. John F. Purser, pastor of the First church. Many will remember the good meetings those men of God have conducted in Mississippi, and we hope they will pray for a great revival and ingathering.

Rev. J. F. Bynum having accepted work near Cross Keys, Jackson county, was there making arrangements for removal when the cyclone visited his family at Toombs. He is now in Meridian, where his family will be located temporarily.

The Broadus Literary Society of the S. B. T. Seminary, has our sincere thanks for an invitation to attend their annual debate in the parlors of the Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, Ky., on the evening of the 14th inst. Subject of debate: "Should the Classics cease to be a requirement in American Institutions of learning and a more extensive course in the Natural Sciences be substituted?" Not being the umpire we will hazard our opinion on the merits of the question in favor of the negative, on the ground that there is no safety in erecting great and towering buildings on narrow and shallow foundations.

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and the man who has not business enough in this line to keep him engaged all the time, occupies the most dangerous relationship to the devil, which can be imagined."—Dr. Yates thus admonishes his Methodist brethren: "A want of the Bible in the Sunday Schools and the absence of children from the preaching of the gospel is putting into the church a nondescript Christian class whose religion is without any fixed belief, and whose life is a haphazard of Christianity."—Western Recorder. No doubt about it, these are two great evils. By all means let parents give attention to this matter, and have their children at church, and use their Bibles at home and in the Sunday School.

The many friends of Miss Annie Martin will be glad to know that she is again in her native State. The clipping here given from the Boston paper tells us that she has joined her father, Rev. M. T. Martin, in his evangelistic service in directing the music in the services: Miss Annie Martin, daughter of Rev. M. T. Martin, is accompanying her father here, and is assisting the choir as organist. She plays well and sings beautifully, and many are attracted by her singing."—Valley Record.

## HELP!

Brethren don't, we beg of you, forget the cyclone sufferers. Remember especially our Brethren J. E. Brunson and J. F. Bynum, both earnest, faithful and useful ministers of the gospel. All of their household effects were blown away and they are in absolute want for the commonest necessities of life. Make haste and send what you can. They need everything that is used at home, besides money to procure furniture, clothing and food.

In the name of these two excellent brethren, we thank those who have already sent them help but assure you that it is only the beginning of what is needed to set them again on their feet, so that they can again about their Master's business.

Every one who reads this will probably at once there will soon be a new and grander "house" home made so empty of all creature comforts by the raging whirlwind. Brethren help and God will make it a help to you.

The earnest words of our new Convention Board Secretary have the right ring. He is proposing to put all of his strength in the work and surely our pastors and churches will not do less. Brethren, Brother Rowe has a hard task but a great work before him and needs all the sympathy and help you can give him. If every one of us will realize this and put all of our strength in the work of aiding him all will be well. The time is short and the work great but God's promise is "as thy days so shall thy strength be."

The great country of China is evidently on the way to the front. The richest man in the world is Han Quay, a Chinaman, who is said to be worth over two billions of dollars. And Gov. Northen, of Georgia, who has recently been to Cuba, says the most intelligent man he met there was a Chinaman named Tom, the Chinese consul at Havana. But wealth and intelligence without true religion is of little worth.

We observe that at the World's Congress Auxiliary to the Columbian Exposition that the somewhat notorious Tourgee is to speak on the history of "the negro in North America—his bondage, his freedom and his future." That would be a really interesting subject if it could be discussed by any one who really knows anything about it, and would fill it just as it is. Tourgee is one of the friends the black man needs to pray to be delivered from.

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Of all the ministers who labored in that field those days, Bro. E. C. Eager, now of Georgia, alone remains, it seems, unless Bro. D. S. Snodgrass, of Texas, and Bro. W. W. Bolls, who began his work about that time reckoned as others. And then, besides Sister McGill and Bro. W. E. Bolls, the Chronicle is not aware of any other old friends who still live in that region. Among the old pastors were D. B. Crawford, S. W. Sexton, Benj. Whitfield, L. B. Holloway, S. Caldwell, R. Warner, J. B. Stittler, J. M. Knight, D. E. Burns, B. B. Gibbs, C. S. McClelland and some others who have passed to their reward. This list does not extend above Jackson, else it would include D. I. Dupree, J. K. Clifton, H. D. Hayward, J. G. Hall, S. S. Parr, Wm. Minter and many North of Grenada, East of Brandon and South of Natchez. Reference is made chiefly to Central Mississippi.

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## HOW SETTLED FOREVER.

It is a mystery to some of us how Bro. Womack arrives at the conclusion that the question of college removal "is settled forever." How can he anticipate the action of the Convention in July next, much less its discussions and decisions in years to come? Really nothing is settled except that Meridian has necessarily withdrawn its proposition, as the vote of the Convention was to be thwarted by an "appeal to Caesar." But this does not settle the question of removal; the agitation of the waters have only been quieted awhile—the muddy sediment has only been shifted.

There are those who believe firmly that the college will inevitably be removed some day, and that Meridian's offer was a grand opportunity. But this correspondent does not propose to enter into a discussion; on the contrary, he insists that it is a matter which belongs to the Convention. We have no right to assume anything, and it is bad taste, if not unchristian, to impugn the good faith of Meridian. Whatever may be said against this city, it must be admitted that it has been the faithful friend of the Convention, for it is its strongest supporter, for over a quarter of a century. "Some things," Bro. Womack, "are best not said." E. M. B.

Dear reader, if you are a subscriber to this paper, won't you look at the volume and number and see if you are not in arrears with the paper and if so send us what you can? We need it right now.

Fraternally,  
L. HALL.

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## BRO. CAIRNES.

The revival meetings with the First Baptist church at the City Hall have been in progress since last Sunday morning. Bro. Geo. R. Cairnes is at his best, and has been doing some very fine gospel preaching. We hear it said on all hands that he seems to be improving on the splendid preaching he did here two years ago. The congregation are quite large at all the services, and we have never seen people so attentive and interested. It is quite evident that deep impressions are being made, from the numerous indications of interest that are being manifested at every service. Bro. Cairnes seems to retain his voice power, notwithstanding his more preaching and singing, to a wonderful extent. He is, withal, a fine combination of the "Moody and Sankey" idea of "preaching and singing the gospel." His sermons and Bible talks are well high matches, and his singing is distinctively unique. It is with no effort at all that the great congregation remains with undiminished interest for two hours and more to wait upon the very best of services. We are all hoping for a great divine uplifting. Will not God's people everywhere pray for the success of the meetings?

Bro. G. W. Moorehead, of Banner, and a father in the ministry, who is now 72 years old, says he has been reading THE RECORD fifteen years, and that it is still a welcome visitor in his home. We greatly appreciate such words of encouragement, and trust he may find interest and comfort in the paper for yet many years more. He is one who testifies even down to old age that the Lord will not forsake his servants who have trusted in him.

We sometimes get a gentle hint that the Blank blows its own horn a little too much by printing the complimentary things some of the readers of the paper say about it. You can imagine our surprise some time ago when one of those good brethren who had been the most severe on us, sent us a lot of newspaper clippings about himself to print in the paper.—AN EDITOR. Does this fit any of THE RECORD folk?—SUBSCRIBER. That is an easy question, but we are in the house. Don't press it please.

## FROM BRO. ROWE.

### THE NEW SECRETARY—HEAR HIM!

DEAR RECORD—I thank you for the kind words that you have spoken in connection with my election to the secretaryship of the Convention Board. I am also grateful to the brethren who have written me privately to assure me of their sympathy and interest in the work.

When this is in print I shall have resigned all of my churches, and will have begun the new work in earnest. I shall never forget the scenes attending these resignations. For sixteen years I had stood in the pulpit at Durant, and the ties that bound the pastor and people seemed to be strengthening with each passing year. Five and one quarter years I had preached at Winona, and at Bethel seven and one half years. To break up the happy relationships of these pastorates, and to sever the endearing companionships thus formed was indeed a heavy draft on the feelings of all concerned. Ah, well, soon another will lead these flocks into greener pastures, I trust; and the old, old story from stranger lips will be as precious in promises, as sweet in words of comfort and as mighty to save.

Your editorial this week has the right ring. The foreign mission quarter is now rapidly closing, and we must not allow it to and without a vigorous effort. I would urge the pastors who have not taken collections in their churches, to do so at once. Let there be a move all along the line.

We must have relief in our own State work as speedily as possible. The need here is imperative. Our missionaries look to us for support. We cannot shift the burden of responsibility, nor expect others to share it with us. We have said to them: "Go here," "go there," and at our bidding they have gone. As the child looks to the parent, as the laborer looks to the employer, they look to us.

My postoffice for the present will be Winona, where all correspondents will please address me.

Yours for the work,  
A. V. ROWE.

Many will grieve with us to learn of the serious ill-health of the wife of Bro. G. W. Gardner. We earnestly began an interest in the prayers of all of our readers for her speedy recovery. Of course we cannot expect much from our associate's ready pen for the paper while this affliction and suspense lasts. We know the brethren will be patient. May God's sustaining grace be with our brother.

## REV. J. D. COOK.

We have just learned through a private letter that our Bro. J. D. Cook, formerly pastor of the Highland and South Side churches in this city, has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Fayette, Ark.

Fayette is the seat of the State University and is one of the promising and progressive towns in that State. The president and one of the professors of the University are, we learn, active members of Bro. Cook's church.

We felt sure that such earnest, capable talent could not be allowed to wait for employment in the great and growing Western Empire State. We have our best wishes for the largest measure of prosperity.

We are greatly rejoiced to learn of the decided improvement in the health of Brother Boyce, of Natchez. Prayer has been offered for his recovery every day in the Cairnes meetings in this city, and Christians are rejoicing that God has heard them. Bro. Boyce is one of our best preachers, and pastors for whose coming to our State many are devoutly thankful.

Many who have been in arrears with THE RECORD have paid up and set their figures forward, greatly to our assistance; yet there are many others from whom we have not heard, and whose remittances we greatly need. Brethren, we have done our best to serve you, now will you not come to our assistance?

## TO MY BRETHREN OF THE CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.

This is to inform you that I am not in school yet. I made my arrangements to start Jan. 1, but was dependent on my brethren for help. Help came, but not until I had made my arrangements to make a crop, which, under the circumstances, seems to be an absolute necessity. I appreciate your kindness in contributing to my support, and if the Board sees proper, they can hold in reserve the means until July 1, which time I expect to start to school. I am working very hard to secure means with which to educate myself for my life-work. Pray for me, brethren.

I read THE BAPTIST RECORD and Baptist and Reflector, and find them to be invaluable.

I am called to preach at Friendship, and was to begin my work there the fourth Sunday in January, but owing to bad weather and sickness in my family, I will not meet my appointment there until the fourth Sunday in March.

I notice in THE RECORD that Bro. G. W. Potter's address is at State Springs. I had lost sight of him. Bro. Potter, allow me to say I hold you in grateful remembrance for your kindness and earnest prayers in my behalf when I was bowed down with the burden of sin. God bless you in your work. I have a great many things to say, but will close by saying Success to THE RECORD and its faithful editors.

J. L. CALLEE.

Dallas, Miss.

## TO J. N. WHITEHEAD.

Bro. Whitehead, please answer the following questions:  
1. How many meanings has the term sanctification in the Bible?  
2. Please define sanctification.  
3. Can an unsanctified converted person be saved?  
4. Can a person who lives in willful rebellion to a known duty, be sanctified?  
5. What is the utility of works in sanctification?  
6. Does death sanctify?

Fraternally,  
GEO. W. KNIGHT.

## PASTORS, HO!

Have you taken a collection in your churches for the centennial fund? If not, please do so at your next meeting. Every church can give something. Shall your church be one that did nothing? Other States are coming up nobly with their offerings. Shall Mississippi fall? We have only March and April left in which to complete the work. Let every pastor do his duty.

W. T. LOWREY,  
Chairman Cen. Com.

## IN DISTRESS.

Eld. J. F. Bynum, a good Baptist preacher, had everything in his house blown away in the cyclone last week. He and his family are without a change of clothing or comfortable bedding. Brother Bynum needs help. No doubt many brethren will be glad to help a brother in distress. Send money to the undersigned, or J. A. Hackett, at Meridian, and it will be handed to Brother Bynum.

J. R. FARREN.  
Meridian, Miss.



## WHO MADE THEM?

Mother, who made the stars which light  
The beautiful sky?  
Who made the moon so clear and bright,  
That rises up so high?  
'Twas God, my child, the glorious One—  
He formed them by His power;  
He made the sun to give us light,  
And every leaf and flower.  
He made your little feet to walk,  
Your sparkling eyes to see,  
Your busy, prattling tongue to talk,  
Your limbs so light and free.  
He paints each fragrant flower that  
grows  
With loveliness and bloom!  
He gives the violet and the rose  
Their beauty and perfume.  
Our various wants His hands supply,  
And guard us every hour;  
We're kept beneath His watchful eye,  
And guided by His power.  
Then let your little heart, my love,  
Be grateful to Him for all;  
To this kind Friend, who from above,  
So gently guides your way.

## DO MEN SUFFER BECAUSE ADAM SINNED?

OR OBEDIENCE TO NATURAL LAWS  
AS SPIRITUAL LAWS.

There is not a question more  
much interest in as it does in this  
one. The uppermost thought in  
the mind of every unconverted per-  
son is, I am just what God made me,  
and I suppose I do just what he  
intended me to do. The Christian  
says, I am just about what he  
intended me to be. Is there not  
something wrong or lacking in our  
teaching of this all important sub-  
ject? I for one, at least, have al-  
ways been taught that I have and  
will suffer because Adam sinned.  
One person can suffer, but to make  
millions to suffer because one  
did wrong, certainly does not carry  
with it the idea of justice. The  
idea of justice does not run in the  
human soul upon obligation or no  
obligation. In spite of everything,  
the human mind naturally says it is  
not justice to punish a man for that  
he could not help.

I believe everything that we lost  
in Adam as our federal head, was  
given back to us in Christ, our Re-  
deemer. Then we suffer for our  
own sins, and not because Adam  
sinned. The fifth chapter of Ro-  
mans certainly does teach us that  
God gave back to us in Christ all  
that we lost in Adam. Adam lost  
the right to the resurrection, Christ  
gave it back. "For since by man  
came death, by man came also the  
resurrection of the dead." Man  
died spiritually in Adam, he is made  
alive spiritually in Christ. "For as  
in Adam all die, even so in Christ  
shall all be made alive." Natural  
death is as much a necessity, so  
that the immortal spirit can be born  
into full immortality, as the natural  
birth is to bring us into full human  
beings. Natural death is a bless-  
ing, not a curse, unless we find sin  
in our own makes it so. "The sting  
of death is sin; the strength of sin  
is the law." The violation of God's  
laws, whether spiritual or natural,  
is sin, and each violation of these  
laws has a penalty fixed by God  
himself. The violation of every  
law of nature (which is violating a  
law of God) is sowing the seed of  
disease and pain, and laying  
the foundation for severe pain  
and suffering when we come to die.  
More than this, we transmit these  
germs of disease and suffering to  
our children, which last until the  
third and fourth generation. So  
"the iniquities of the fathers are vi-  
sited upon the children to the third  
and fourth generations." If every  
man and woman would commence  
to-day and yield implicit obedience  
to every law of nature as taught by  
God, their own observation and  
knowledge—rest at night and on  
the Sabbath Day, abstain from the  
use of physics just as much as pos-  
sible for every dose of physics taken  
is sowing the seed of disease in the  
future is only the exchange of one  
evil for another, disease and suffer-  
ing would grow less and less every  
day. Also obey God's spiritual laws,  
and the effects of sin would gradu-  
ally leave the world. It is said:  
"Christ came to conquer sin in the  
flesh." All admit that sin is the  
cause of all our pain. Stop sinning  
and we will stop the effects of sin.  
The responsibility of sin is laid out  
disease, and die as the tired  
child goes to sleep, i. e., lie down to  
rest just as we do at night.

You go to a meeting at night, la-  
bor hard, get very warm, and come  
out in the cool night air; won't you  
take cold, brother? Or, no, I am  
doing God's service. Why did not  
the Savior cast himself down from  
the pinnacle of the temple? Be-  
cause it was a violation of the law  
of gravitation. He could not set  
aside one of God's laws without  
tempting him. Many preachers  
have gone to premature graves, not  
because they preached so much, but  
because they violated God's positive  
laws of nature. Did God have the  
Jews to worship at night? Night  
service should be held only in cities  
where every one is more or less pro-  
tected at an early hour, and as far  
as consistent with the laws of  
health. Is not an ounce of preven-  
tion better than a pound of cure?  
Night meetings have sown the seed  
of more disease in Christian com-  
munities than anything else. The  
pain of child-birth is the effect of  
Eve's transgression. But what does  
the scripture say? "The woman  
forgets her pain for joy." Any phy-  
sician will tell you that a woman  
can lessen her pain a hundred fold  
by obeying the laws of health be-  
fore the time. Mother, when you

do not do that, it causes you to suf-  
fer more than God intended you  
should, and you also cause your  
daughter to suffer after you.

Any one but a hyper-Calvinist  
will admit that men are just as  
able to-day to obey God's laws as  
Adam was. Paul says: "Wherein  
did abound, grace did much more  
abound." This certainly seems to  
give back more than we lost. What  
does this consist in? Nothing more  
nor less than the blessed influence  
and power of the Holy Spirit,  
which did not come into the world  
until after Christ rose from the  
dead for our justification. "Christ  
is the propitiation for our sins, and  
not for ours only, but for the sins  
of the whole world." Some brother  
says the infant is saved by a special  
act of God's grace. No, my brother,  
it is saved because Christ died to  
give it back all it lost in Adam. It  
stands just as much justified in the  
sight of God as Adam did before he  
sinned, and is a fit subject for heav-  
en without the sprinkling of water  
upon it until it sins willfully, as  
Adam did; then it stands a con-  
demned sinner and dies to all spir-  
itual good, or rather to all that is  
good and pure by nature would be to-  
tally depraved, entirely incapable  
of a single good action. Christ  
says, Father, I died that that child  
might live. Although it sinned  
knowingly and justly deserves  
eternal death, let the Holy Spirit  
go to it, let him wake it up, let him  
make it alive again, let him help it  
to come to me and obey me if it will,  
for we created it and we love it.

L. C. HICKS.

## BRIEF NOTES FROM THE SEMINARY.

DEAR RECORD—This is our mis-  
sionary day, being the first day of  
the month, and it has been both in-  
teresting and profitable to us all.  
Our minds have been directed to  
the great cause of missions by no-  
ble and interested men, in which  
our souls rejoice. We have a good  
number of students who have al-  
ready been appointed to foreign  
lands, and quite a number have  
recently decided to go. An earnest  
appeal has just been made to the  
Seminarians, students for at least 22  
foreign missionaries, and God is  
answering the prayers of many in  
this noble cause.

1. Our missionary meeting was  
opened by Dr. Dargan, who read us  
an extract of Paul's foreign mis-  
sionary journey, as is found in the  
Acts of the Apostles.

1. Reports of missionary work  
were then made.

(a) Reports of the work done in  
this city were made, in which the  
Seminarians play the important  
part in developing the desti-  
tution in every way.

(b) A letter was read from Bro.  
McClure, of Japan, in which he  
thanked God that he is able to  
preach in the Japanese tongue, and  
that he had recently baptized four  
persons.

(c) Bro. J. L. Downing, of Cam-  
pos, Brazil, sent us word that he  
had translated many of his old ser-  
mon notes into the Portuguese and  
preached them to the natives, and  
found that they are accepted about  
as well among the heathen as at  
home—this country.

2. Dr. Dargan read us a very in-  
teresting essay on the mission cause  
in China.

(a) He calls attention to one  
special point, and that is, the first  
missionary in China was Bro.  
Shook, of Virginia. It is said as a  
mission collection was taken one  
Sabbath day, this noble and con-  
secrated man dropped in a paper with  
these words on it: "As I have  
nothing to give, I give myself to  
the Lord to go to China." The Lord  
accepted his offering, and thus re-  
sponded his remaining life amid the  
torments and conflicts of mission life,  
pointing the heathen to "the land  
of God that taketh away the sin of  
the world."

(b) Dr. Broadus then spoke with  
a great deal of enthusiasm, and  
said, in his opinion, China is to be  
come the mission country of the  
world. They require education of  
the highest type, and a man of our  
country must be a graduate of a  
University before he will be per-  
mitted to that in their highest  
circles of society. The Pacific Ocean  
is getting to be called the Chinese  
Lake. China could send vessels to  
New York, and we could not help  
ourselves. China is not to be ig-  
nored in the least. It has an intel-  
ligent people as any nation. We  
need more men there, and let's pray  
for them. We have had more con-  
verts to the missionary in China  
than we have had to the minister  
in this country. Dr. Broadus still  
adds, with the fire of zeal of a grand  
hero, that China is to-day indignant  
over the action of our Congress re-  
lative to the law that goes into effect  
in May, which banishes every Chin-  
aman from our country, and China  
declares that our missionaries shall  
be removed from their lands. Who  
could blame them? If this law is  
not repealed and our mission work  
is stopped in China, the Christian  
people will rise as a unit and the  
next Congress will hear it thunder.  
Don't forget to pray for the Sem-  
inary, and the great and noble  
work it is doing for the Master.

May God grant his blessings to  
our Mississippi people, and especial-  
ly to our faithful editors.

Yours fraternally,  
A. C. BALL.

Louisville, Ky., March 1, 1893.  
P. S.—I would be glad to corre-

pond with any one desirous to at-  
tend the Seminary, and take great  
pleasure in rendering any infor-  
mation desired.

## SOME THOUGHTS OF AN OLD MAN.

BY S. M. COCKE.

I have been a member of the Baptist  
church 52 years with the desire  
to learn and love the truth. The  
following are some of my conclu-  
sions:

We know of but one God, the God  
of the Bible; and we know of no  
other Redeemer, but the Christ of  
the Bible, the Son of God. Did he  
make ample atonement for the sal-  
vation of the world, and is it free for  
all alike? Did God make more peo-  
ple than he could save, or more than  
he is willing to save? I think not.  
God is omnipotent and space is un-  
limited. He is able and willing to  
save all he has created, or ever will  
create. Well, will he save all? No.  
Why? Because they will not have  
this man, Christ Jesus, to rule over  
them. Could he not save some of  
them by force, or all of them by  
force? Yes; but in the first case, he  
would have respect of persons, and  
in the second case, it would not be  
free grace. He has offered salva-  
tion to all, as a free gift, to accept  
or reject, on the terms which he has  
made; that is, he predestinated be-  
fore man was made, that is the first  
thing in the plan of salvation, that  
the conditions shall be left to the  
volition of man to accept or reject,  
and abide the consequences of his  
own choice.

Christ died for the sins of the  
whole world, and the world is in-  
vited to come and trust in Christ and  
pray to God that they may be for-  
given; then they are elected by  
grace and saved. "Whosoever will,  
let him take the water of life free-  
ly." Why will all not come? Paul  
says that "when they knew God,  
they glorified him not as God, neither  
were thankful; and even as they did  
not like to retain God in their  
knowledge, God gave them over to  
a reprobate mind." And some are  
spoken of as "vessels of wrath" fit-  
ted for destruction. Does God fit  
them for destruction, or do they fit  
themselves? God did not put our  
first parents in the Garden of Eden  
for a permanent dwelling place, nor  
to prove to himself what they would  
do; but to prove to man what man  
would do. God knew he would fall,  
and had provided for it long before.  
Nor did he cause Nebuchadnezzar  
to go on all-fours and eat grass like  
an ox for seven years to prove any-  
thing to himself; but to prove to  
man what man is. We are God's  
creatures, and it has been necessary  
all along down the ages, to remind  
us that we are dependent on him,  
and that it is our privilege to serve  
him and be happy or deny the Lord  
that bought us and be lost and  
ruined forever.

## JUDAS AND THE SUPPER AGAIN.

Brother C. C. Greer, of Texas, in  
reply to my article in THE RECORD  
of February 2, says: "I can prove  
that he was present at the time our  
Lord instituted his Supper." My  
good brother refers me to the 26th  
and 27th verses of the 26th chap-  
ter of Matthew to prove his presence  
and says he probably participated.  
Now my brother as you call for  
"more light" on the subject, I will  
try, God helping me, to do my duty.

I propose now to show that, at the  
close of verse 25, Judas immedi-  
ately left and was gone out when our  
Lord instituted his Supper. This  
verse reads: "Then Judas, which  
betrayed him, answered and said,  
Master, is it I? He said unto him,  
Thou hast said. Right then he re-  
ceived the sop. Matthew says noth-  
ing about the sop, but Mark 14:20  
and John 13:26, 30 speak of it.  
So John speaks twice of the sop.  
The 30th verse settles this question.  
"He then having received the sop,  
went immediately out and it was  
night." In the 31st verse we have  
this language, "Therefore, when he  
was gone out, Jesus said, now is the  
Son of Man glorified and his glory  
is glorified in him." No, no, my brother,  
Judas was gone out when the  
Lord's Supper was instituted. So  
Matt. 26:26, 27 has nothing to do  
with Judas, as he was gone out  
how sad for him when we con-  
sider what he was engaged in.

For further proof that Judas was  
not present I refer to Matt. 29:26.  
"But I say unto you, I will not  
drink henceforth of this fruit of the  
vine, until that day when I drink it  
new with you in my Father's King-  
dom." Can we suppose, for a mo-  
ment, that he was speaking to Judas?  
—for he was addressing all who  
were present. Was the language  
suitable to Judas? Did our Savior  
promise to drink the fruit of the  
vine with Judas in his Father's  
Kingdom? If so, Judas had been  
regenerated and was then one of  
God's children. No, no, our Lord  
would not tolerate such a thing. He  
knew that Judas was a vile traitor,  
and thus became participant  
criminals, with Judas in the crime.

J. R. JOHNSON.

Abbeville, Miss.

Let everybody who wants to get  
well and have a good time go to  
Wildwood Springs, near Hamburg,  
Miss. Bro. Whitehead will see that  
you have the best of accommodations  
and the finest medicinal waters.

## PENCILINKTUMS.

THE RECORD—MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—  
HOME.

It is so pleasant to get THE RE-  
CORD and through it to hear from the  
great Baptist family over the State.  
It is like getting a big letter from  
home that tells you all about what  
the different members of the family  
are doing from whom you are separated.

The news feature of a religious  
paper is worth to any Baptist ten  
times the price of the paper. How  
so many of our people can content  
themselves to do without it, I cannot  
see.

But, I want to tell you something  
about the Master's cause here. The  
church here has been in a sort of  
stew over the question of whether  
fermented or unfermented wine  
should be used in their communion  
service.

Bro. W. H. Poffton, the indolent-  
table temperance worker and the  
man who has done so much for the  
cause of prohibition in these ends  
of the earth keeps to supply the  
churches the pure unfermented  
juice of the grape. The church  
recently resolved some time ago on  
question and recently re-voting the  
resolutions has wisely concluded to  
leave the matter of providing the  
wine for communion with the dea-  
cons.

Our congregations here are fine  
and attentive and several additions  
to the church are expected soon.  
The brethren are hopeful. I find  
an excellent helper here in the person  
of Elder J. M. Phillips, who stops  
preaching this year to rest and re-  
cuperate. He and his excellent  
wife will stand by us.

A holiness preacher visited this  
place last summer and held a series  
of meetings in the Academy which  
did our church here some harm by  
drawing off three or four members.  
These holiness folks differ from  
the band which has been operating in  
the Northwestern part of the State  
in that these teach the "come out  
doctrine. That is to say they insist  
upon those professing the second  
blessing to leave their church and  
join them. These also baptize and  
that by immersion. They also in-  
sist upon feet-washing. They also  
forbid the wearing of jewelry of any  
kind and insist upon great plain-  
ness in dress. They wage war  
against all secret organizations. Also  
against tobacco, tea and coffee. The  
greatest fault, however, to be found  
with these people is that they teach  
that the other denominations who  
differ from them constitute the  
Babylon of the book of Revelation.  
"Come out of Babylon," they say,  
and they think we are disorganizing  
them. They look on us as the ene-  
my of their cause.

Well, who are they? This is the  
home of that class of brethren that  
we said were reformed so much.  
They are not living fully up to duty.  
Why not? Because they have not  
had the proper instruction. Yes,  
their pastor is a good man, full of  
the Holy Spirit; doubtless found on  
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LETTER FROM REV. R. M. NIXON,  
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DEAR BROTHER JONES—Ten years  
ago last October I was privileged to  
baptize Miss Alonzo Diaz, then a  
member of my Sunday School. One  
month later, November 25, I bap-  
tized Alberto J. Diaz, her brother,  
now the apostle to Cuba. Their ex-  
periences of the saving grace of God,  
though told in very broken English,  
were most satisfactory to all who  
heard them. They were lovingly re-  
ceived into fellowship.

Shortly after his baptism Brother  
Diaz desired to return to Cuba. Not  
more earnestly did Paul desire and  
pray for the salvation of his brethren  
after the flesh than did Brother Diaz  
those of his native land. The truest,  
holiest, patriot is he who prays for  
and seeks to bestow the greatest good,  
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his birth. Such a patriot was Diaz,  
such a patriot is Diaz. He is willing  
to spend and be spent in the up-  
lifting of his own people into the  
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As a church we have always had a  
deep and abiding interest in Brother  
Diaz and his work. We have re-  
solved at every evidence of the pres-  
ence and power of the Master with  
him. We have greeted read all the  
news concerning him and his work.  
So deeply have we been impressed  
with his work, that we have had a  
large missionary organization of  
young people in our church, known  
as "The Diaz Mission Association,"  
for years. Diaz has been a house-  
hold word among us.

But much as we have heard and  
read, our late visit revealed the fact  
that "the half had not been told."  
How modest, how very modest, all  
the reports of our brother have been.  
When seen, how much mightier the  
work than we had ever dreamed pos-  
sible. I venture the assertion that  
no mission since the Pentecost day,  
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pression in any land, than has that  
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